

***McDaniel***  
***37109-070505***



**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION**

**JULY 5, 2005  
9:00 A.M.**

**ROOM 159**

**AGENDA**

**Call to Order--Roll Call. All Council Members were present.**

A communication from Mayor C. Nelson Harris requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

**Approved (7-0)**

**File #110-132**

A communication from Council Member Alfred T. Dowe, Jr., Chair, City Council's Personnel Committee, requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the annual performance of two Council-Appointed Officers, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

**Approved (7-0)**

**File #110-132**

A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss disposition of publicly-owned property, where discussion in open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(3), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

**Approved (7-0)**

**File #132**

Items listed on the 2:00 p.m. Council docket requiring discussion/clarification; and additions/deletions to the 2:00 p.m. docket. (5 minutes)

Topics for discussion by the Mayor and Members of Council. (15 minutes)

- Council Committee Assignment Reports.

**Briefings:**

- |                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| • Building Code Update        | 15 minutes |
| • Neighborhood Portal for GIS | 10 minutes |

**THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS DECLARED IN RECESS TO BE RECONVENED AT 12:00 P.M., IN ROOM 159, FOR A JOINT MEETING OF COUNCIL AND THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION.**



**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
JOINT MEETING**

**JULY 5, 2005  
12:00 P.M.**

**ROOM 159**

**AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER.**
- 2. ROLL CALL:** City Planning Commission
- 3. WELCOME:**
- 4. INVOCATION AND LUNCH.**
- 5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
  - a. Implementation report for Vision 2001–2020 Comprehensive Plan.
  - b. Implementation report for component neighborhood plans.
- 6. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL/CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS.**

**THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS DECLARED IN RECESS TO BE RECONVENED AT 2:00 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, FOURTH FLOOR, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING.**

**THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.**



**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
REGULAR SESSION**

**JULY 5, 2005  
2:00 P.M.**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER**

**AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order--Roll Call. Council Member Wishneff  
was absent.**

The Invocation was delivered by Mayor C. Nelson Harris.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mayor Harris.

Welcome. Mayor Harris.

**NOTICE:**

Today's Council meeting will be replayed on Channel 3 on Thursday, July 7, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, July 9, 2005, at 4:00 p.m. Council meetings are offered with closed captioning for the hearing impaired.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT MEMBERS OF COUNCIL RECEIVE THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AND RELATED COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, ETC., ON THE WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR REVIEW OF INFORMATION. CITIZENS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING A COPY OF ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA MAY CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, ROOM 456, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 215 CHURCH AVENUE, S. W., OR CALL 853-2541.

THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE PROVIDES THE MAJORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ON THE INTERNET FOR VIEWING AND RESEARCH PURPOSES. TO ACCESS AGENDA MATERIAL, GO TO THE CITY'S HOMEPAGE AT [WWW.ROANOKEVA.GOV](http://WWW.ROANOKEVA.GOV), CLICK ON THE ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL ICON, CLICK ON MEETINGS AND AGENDAS, AND DOWNLOAD THE ADOBE ACROBAT SOFTWARE TO ACCESS THE AGENDA.

ALL PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ARE REQUESTED TO REGISTER WITH THE STAFF ASSISTANT WHO IS LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBER. ON THE SAME AGENDA ITEM, ONE TO FOUR SPEAKERS WILL BE ALLOTTED FIVE MINUTES EACH, HOWEVER, IF THERE ARE MORE THAN FOUR SPEAKERS, EACH SPEAKER WILL BE ALLOTTED THREE MINUTES.

ANY PERSON WHO IS INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A CITY COUNCIL APPOINTED AUTHORITY, BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 853-2541, OR ACCESS THE CITY'S HOMEPAGE AT [WWW.ROANOKEVA.GOV](http://WWW.ROANOKEVA.GOV), TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION.

## **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

A Resolution establishing a meeting schedule for City Council for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2005, and terminating June 30, 2006, and changing the time of commencement of two regular meetings to be held on the third Monday in August and September 2005.

**Adopted Resolution No. 37109-070505. (6-0)**

**File #132**

## REGULAR SESSION

### 2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: NONE.

### 3. CONSENT AGENDA Approved (6-0)

ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

C-1 Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on Monday, May 16, 2005.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve as recorded.**

C-2 A Resolution adopted by the Western Virginia Water Authority expressing appreciation to George W. Logan for his service as a Director of the Authority.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and File.**  
**File #110-468**

C-3 A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing for Monday, July 18, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, with regard to conveyance of City-owned property to Roanoke Sports Group, LLC.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concur in the request.**  
**File #166**

C-4 Qualification of Sherley E. Stuart as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, for a term ending March 31, 2008.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.**  
**File #67-110**

## REGULAR AGENDA

### 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

## 5. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: NONE.

## 6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

### a. CITY MANAGER:

#### ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

1. Acquisition of certain property rights in connection with construction of a new Fire-EMS Station on Melrose Avenue, N. W.  
**Adopted Ordinance No. 37110-070505. (6-0)**  
**File #2-70**
2. Adoption of a resolution in support of participation in the Virginia Department of Transportation Revenue Sharing Program.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 37111-070505. (6-0)**  
**File #77**
3. Appropriation of Transportation Enhancement funds in connection with the Roanoke Passenger Station Renovation Project.  
**Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 37112-070505. (6-0)**  
**File #60-537**
4. Authorization for an additional position in the Department of Technology to provide ongoing computer support of a new Budget Preparation System for the City of Roanoke and Roanoke City Public Schools; and transfer of funds.  
**Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 37113-070505. (6-0)**  
**File #60-301-467**
5. Authorization to increase staff in the Department of Social Services by the addition of four full-time social workers and one full-time supervisor; and appropriation and transfer of funds.  
**Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 37114-070505. (6-0)**  
**File #60-72-184**

b. **DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:**

1. Financial report for the month of May 2005.  
**Receive and file.**  
**File #10**

**7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.**

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.**

**9. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. A resolution abolishing the Flood Plain Committee.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 37115-070505. (6-0)**  
**File #110-237**

**10. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

- a. Inquiries and/or comments by the Mayor and Members of City Council.

**Council Member Cutler commended the work of the City's Flood Plain Committee.**  
**File #110-132-237**

**Council Member Cutler advised that the City of Roanoke has officially adopted the banks of the Roanoke River as it extends through the City of Roanoke as the maintenance responsibility of the City. He called attention to and commended an activity which occurred on Saturday, July 2, in which volunteers primarily from the City's Department of Parks and Recreation assisted approximately 40 members of the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke in clean up efforts along the Roanoke River from Wasena Park to Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital.**  
**File #67-132-184**



**Council Member Cutler expressed appreciation to those persons responsible for the rail solutions initiative to encourage the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Federal government to support the use of rail freight to supplement traffic on Interstate-81.**

**File #132-533**

**Vice-Mayor Fitzpatrick expressed appreciation to the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke for their volunteer service clean up efforts along the banks of the Roanoke River on Saturday, July 2, 2005.**

**File #67-80-132**

**Vice-Mayor Fitzpatrick commended City staff for making aesthetic improvements along Wiley Drive through Smith Park and a small portion of the River's Edge Sports Complex and asked that other areas of the City be addressed in the same manner.**

**File #67-80-132-184**

**Vice-Mayor Fitzpatrick commended City staff for their assistance in connection with rescue efforts and clean up activities as a result of the heavy rainfall that occurred in the City of Roanoke during the week of June 26, specifically in the Brandon Avenue/Franklin Road area.**

**File #80-132-184-237**

**Council Member Lea recognized and commended the attendance of several young people who were observing the Council proceedings.**

**File #80-132-304**

- b. Vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council.

## **11. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:**

**CITY COUNCIL SETS THIS TIME AS A PRIORITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD. MATTERS REQUIRING REFERRAL TO THE CITY MANAGER WILL BE REFERRED IMMEDIATELY FOR RESPONSE, RECOMMENDATION OR REPORT TO COUNCIL.**

**Sarah Burns, 1925 Gayle Street, N. W., requested replacement of the park that was previously located across from the Washington Park Swimming Pool.  
File #67-256**

**Angela Norman, 1731 Michael Street, N. W., President, Roanoke City Municipal Employees Association, addressed alleged discriminatory practices with regard to hiring and promotions in the City's work force.  
File #184**

**Brenda Petty, 1925 Gayle Street, N. W., representing residents of Lincoln Villages, spoke in support of the installation of screen doors on the front of housing units. She called attention to the condition of screen doors that were previously installed on the back doors.  
File #178**

**Jim Fields, 17 Ridgecrest Road, Hardy, Virginia, advised that a previous resolution adopted by the Council states that Victory Stadium was constructed on the condition that the land on which it was built could be used solely for a stadium, armory or for recreational purposes. He pointed out that if Victory Stadium is demolished, the railroad could reclaim the property and donate the land to another party; therefore, he asked that the City uphold the terms of the agreement and renovate Victory Stadium for use by future generations of Roanokers.  
File #122**

**Evelyn D. Bethel, 35 Patton Avenue, N. E., advised that the young people in the audience should be encouraged to become a part of the City's Youth Council. She stated that Ms. Norman spoke on behalf of City employees who are members of the Roanoke City Municipal Employees Association and her concerns should be investigated and resolved. She called attention to other alleged instances of discrimination in hiring practices throughout the Roanoke Valley.**

**File #184-304**

**Robert E. Gravely, 727 29th Street N. W., spoke with regard to inadequate response times by Fire/EMS personnel to older homes in the City, some of which have been allowed to deteriorate due to neglect by property owners; the need to update the City's antiquated pay scales; the need to take the necessary actions to prevent flooding; the need to take the appropriate actions to attract new businesses; the need to increase the income level of the average citizen residing in the City of Roanoke leading to the ultimate goal of homeownership; and the need to correct discriminatory practices within the City's work force.**

**File #70-178-184**

**Helen E. Davis, 35 Patton Avenue, N. E., requested an organizational chart containing the names and telephone numbers of City department managers and directors. She expressed concern with regard to the closing of fire stations in the predominantly northwest section of the City of Roanoke and asked that Council use critical thinking and require the truth relative to northwest Roanoke.**

**File #66-70-184**

Robert E. Craig, 701 12th Street, S. W., expressed concern with regard to the criteria for the comprehensive study of the City Market area and inquired as to costs associated with the study. He stated that placing the Director of Real Estate Valuation under the supervision of the Director of Finance gives the appearance of a conflict of interest.  
File #1-42-162

## **12. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: NONE.**

### **CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION. (6-0)**

The following persons were appointed/reappointed to certain boards and commissions:

Personnel and Employment Practices  
Commission  
File #15-110-202

Martha P. Franklin, Letitia A. Smith and Curtis E. Mills for terms of three years each, ending June 30, 2008.

Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates -  
File #15-110-488

Robin Murphy-Kelso for a term ending June 30, 2007.

Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing  
Authority  
File #15-110-178

Ben J. Fink for a term ending August 31, 2009.

Adopted Ordinance No. 37116-070505 establishing compensation for the City Manager, City Attorney, Director of Finance, Municipal Auditor, and City Clerk for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005. (6-0)  
File #1-38-83-104-184-280